Drinan's Position

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BOSTON—Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D-Mass.), a Jesuit priest and one of Congress's most liberal members, has church permission to remain in politics, contrary to a series of published reports, his superiors announced.

"As his present religious superior, I have granted Father Drinan my permission to carry out his work as a member of the United States House of Representatives," said the Rev. Richard T. Cleary, S.J., regional provincial of the Society of Jesus.

Cleary said a series of reports that Drinan had failed to get the required permission before originally running for Congress in 1970 were inaccurate. He said Drinan also had the required permission before being re-elected in 1972.

Drinan's office said he had no comment on the matter.